

4TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE
(2012 BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING)

Meeting held on January 17, 2012, commencing at 4:10 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors B. Polhill, W.J. Armstrong, J.B. Swan, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, N. Branscombe, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher and S. White and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor J.P. Bryant.

ALSO PRESENT: R.L. Fair, M. Hayward, J. Braam, A. Dunbar, J. Lucas, L. Palarchio, C. Saunders and R. Skinner.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. None are disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. 2012 BUDGET - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken:

- a) the attached presentation from Hope Clarke, Executive Director and Chris Olech, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Neighbourhood WATCH London **BE RECEIVED**; it being noted that their request for ongoing additional funding of \$35,000 will be before the Services Review Committee at its meeting on January 18, 2012, for consideration and recommendation to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee as part of the 2012 Budget process;
- b) the attached presentation from Julie Ryan, Executive Director, ReForest London **BE RECEIVED**; it being noted that ReForest London's request for \$100,000 in support of its Million Tree Challenge is already before the Services Review Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee as part of the 2012 Budget process;
- c) the attached presentation from Jim Hewett, Chair - Advocacy Committee and Keith Trussler, President, Board of Directors Community Living London, asking that the City of London initiate a policy and a process that ensures that people who receive ODSP Income Support have access to affordable transportation **BE RECEIVED** and their request for related funding **BE REFERRED** to the 2012 Budget process;
- d) the attached presentation from Gail McMahon, Executive Director, London Block Parent Program, seeking funding assistance to offset the costs arising as a result of a recent reduction in in-kind supports from the London Police Service **BE RECEIVED** and their request for ongoing additional funding **BE REFERRED** to the 2012 Budget process; it being noted that the Mayor will bring the matter before the London Police Services Board at its meeting on January 19, 2012;

- e) the attached presentation from Patrick Searle, Vice-President, University Affairs, University Students' Council, University of Western Ontario, expressing the Students' Council's view that the Municipal Council should prioritize and protect a progressive transportation system and strengthening community engagement in the Budget **BE RECEIVED**;
- f) the written submission from Greg Thompson, President, Urban League of London, outlining general matters pertaining to tax planning policy and asking questions and providing comments on various 2012 Budget items **BE RECEIVED**; it being noted that Mr. Thompson extended regrets that he would not be able to attend the public participation meeting in person;
- g) the attached submission and verbal delegation from Susan Macphail, Director of My Sisters' Place of WOTCH Community Mental Health Services **BE RECEIVED** and the request for a \$100,000 pledge from the City of London towards their capital campaign **BE REFERRED** to the 2012 Budget process;
- h) the submission and verbal delegation from Brenda Ryan, 3 Hammond Crescent, regarding her thoughts for an improved 2012 Budget **BE RECEIVED**;
- i) the attached presentation from Robin Honey, Vice President, Board of Directors, the Arts Project, requesting \$300,000 in funding to assist with programming and capital improvements **BE RECEIVED**;
- j) the verbal delegation from Randy Warden, London Celebrates Canada, providing an update on upcoming events, including preparations for the Sesquicentennial celebrations, and noting that there will be funding requirements that will be brought through the Creative City Committee to the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee **BE RECEIVED**;
- k) the submission from Bob Hewitt, President, Jet Aircraft Museum, regarding their \$200,000 capital grant request submitted to the City of London **BE RECEIVED**;

it being noted that Mr. P. Rumsey, a scheduled delegate, did not attend the public participation meeting.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.